1	2	3	4
Orissa	460	479	557
Punjab	—	—	26
Rajasthan	367	1762	2052
Tamil Nadu	234	618	1997
Uttar Pradesh	248	632	670
West Bengal	663	1004	1973
TOTAL	5858	10337	15031

The proportion of number of patients put on treatment under RNTCP and the TB deaths occurring has been same, but the absolute number has increased due to increased coverage of population under RNTCP.

Hypertension among children

762. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the alarmingly high rate of hypertension the children in Delhi have;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the preventive and curative steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) According to ICMR, New Delhi a published epidemiological study of blood pressure in school children (5-14 years) in Delhi conducted by Sitaram Bhartiya Institute of Science and Research, New Delhi the prevalence of Hypertension (systolic, diastolic or both) among school children was around 12% in boys and 11.4% in girls. The study covered both Government and public schools and included all social economic groups.

As per the ICMR funded study conducted on adolescents belonging to affluent families systolic blood pressure among children was 29.9% and diastolic blood pressure was 16.7% among children in the age group of 13-18 years of 5 South Delhi public schools. The study requires detailed data analysis before coming to a conclusion. Obesity is generally caused by excessive food intake, improper eating habits and lack of

physical activity. Education of children to be physically active and follow balanced diets are important steps towards prevention and management of this disorder.

Condom vending machines

763. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Condom Vending Machines (CVMs) are lying unused in Orissa due to short supply of condoms;

(b) whether these CVMs have been installed under aid from the National AIDS Control Organisation and the World Bank;

(c) whether these CVMs are engineered to dispense only Sangam brand of condoms which are in short supply; and

(d) the measures taken to make these CVMs adaptable to dispensing other makes of condoms also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir. State AIDS Control Society, Orissa (SACS) has intimated that Family Planning Association of India was contracted in the year 2000 to carry out the Targeted Intervention Trucker Project in Orissa. As per their requirement and recommendation of the State Management Agency, 10 nos. of Condom. Vending Machines (CVMs) were sanctioned by State AIDS Cell, Orissa which are lying unused due to the current short supply of condoms.

(b) Yes, Sir. These 10 CVMs given to Family Planning Association of India have been installed under aid from National AIDS Control Organisation's DFID Fund.

(c) As the Condom Vending Machines were being given to Family Planning Association of India run project by the SACS, these were engineered to dispense only "Sangam" Brand of Condoms which are marketed by Family Planning Association of India as social marketing brand, currently in short supply.

(d) Mechanically, these CVMs are adaptable to dispense only